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# Mayors ride the rails

Politicians kick the tires on potential commuter line to Ottawa

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**The trains are back in town, but it could be years yet before a commuter rail linking the Ottawa Valley to Ottawa is ready to roll.**

Yesterday, politicians from Renfrew, Pontiac and Ottawa took a trial run along what one-day might form a regional rail line along Ottawa Central Railway tracks, from Walkley train yard to Beachburg.

The trial run, which crossed the Ottawa River at Fitzroy Harbour and Portage-du-Fort, was intended to convince local politicians of the viability of a future regional commuter train into the valley.

### Rail run

- The trial run was intended to expose riders to the route and duration of a trip along a future regional commuter line. Freight trains using the line currently reach speeds of 65 kilometres per hour, though a commuter line would be faster.



Before boarding yesterday, Kanata North councillor Marianne Wilkinson said she was doubly interested to see how the train travelled within the city, since it could also potentially link south central Ottawa with north Kanata.

"It's not the most highly-travelled route, but it would

take some of the pressure off (Highway) 417 and the Transitway," she said.

Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien's recent Task Force on Transportation first raised the prospect of a regional rail line. While intra-city transit has occupied city council since then, regional mayors have been examining the viability of a commuter

line into Ottawa on their own.

Funding to operate the system is anticipated from federal and provincial governments, since it would be regional service, like Toronto's GO Train, and it crosses into Quebec.

Federal Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon, the Conservative Pontiac riding MP, called the project "visionary."

"Elected officials have to do everything in their power to make sure that projects like this come forward. It's good for the environment," he said.

"There are a lot of pluses here that will compel (the federal government) to look at this project very, very seriously."

But even if federal and provincial funding were to fall into place tomorrow, Harry Gow, co-founder of Transport Action Pontiac, said it could take years to upgrade the line for the speeds necessary to make it a viable commuter line.

"Right now there is a three-year program to improve the track over a major portion of the line in Pontiac County," he said.

"Ride quality is important, so is safety and by investing in the track they'll make it possible to run even faster than now, but that will take a year, maybe two."

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Election 2008

Getting youth  
'in the mood'  
electorally

PROMOTION Don't tell the Young Liberals sex and politics don't mix.

They've sent promotional kits to 60 campuses this fall with posters, pins ... and condoms, with the slogans Make Love Not A Conservative Government, Canvas Your Poll and, ahem, Stand Up For Canada.

"Hey, we're young Liberals — we can do that," says Adam Miron, head of the 10,000-strong Young Liberals of Canada who also are using YouTube clips, Twitter campaigns and interactive websites to try to put their peers in an electoral mood.

While the condoms were a hit, it remains tough to stir the political hormones of young Canadians who are delaying voting later and later, and often say they prefer single-issue lobby groups they find online to political parties they see as top-down and confusing.

In Canada, where the average party member is 59 years old and only three per cent are under 25, young politicos are an endangered species.

"We're seeing a general greying of party politics in Canada, partly because the parties aren't doing a good enough job reaching out to young people," says political science professor Bill Cross of Carleton University, co-author of a landmark study of 2,000 students that shows many don't see party politics as an effective way to make change, and the ones who do are often recruited by their parents.

Canadians are voting for the first time at a later age than their parents or grandparents, says University of Toronto professor Lawrence LeDuc.

"If the trend continues in this election, the voting rate among new voters will be the lowest it's ever been," he warned. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Trio performs first ever Everest jump

**NEPAL** Three skydivers made the first ever parachute jump over Mount Everest yesterday, organizers and participants said, culminating years of preparation.

Yesterday, Neil Jones of Canada, Wendy Smith of New Zealand, and Holly Budge of Britain made the leap from an aircraft flying 142 metres (465 feet) higher than Everest's summit, said Krishna Aryal, an official with Explore Himalaya, the agency that provided the logistics.

"This is the first of its kind and has never been tried before," said Aryal, who saw the jump from Syangboche in the Everest region.

All three were in freefall for nearly 30 seconds.

They used parachutes larger than normal size to help them cruise and descend fast through the thin air of the world's highest drop zone. All three wore oxygen masks.

REUTERS



Run for the Cure volunteers Sara Korajian, Kristin Dafoe, Leah Hargraves and Janelle Lee, from left to right, cheer on participants at Lebreton Flats yesterday morning. With 10,000 runners and walkers, the event raised \$1.6 million locally for breast cancer research and education.

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**Police await autopsy today on river body**

An autopsy today should reveal the cause of death of a man whose body was pulled from the Ottawa River on Saturday. The body was discovered floating in the river near the Rideau Falls by a couple of fishermen. Police as of yesterday had yet to identify the deceased. **OTTAWA POLICE**

# Ottawa

## City runs for cure

Breast cancer survivors, friends, families raise \$1.6M

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If Joanne Mathews has one message for women out there, it's this: "Follow your gut instinct and get checked."

Three years ago, Mathews, then 41, felt that something was wrong. Although preliminary examinations failed to detect anything, a mammogram and biopsy found that she had cancer.

The mother of four underwent first chemotherapy and radiation, followed by a bilateral mastectomy and a hysterectomy.

Yesterday, the three-year breast cancer survivor joined her 21-person team, All Together Now, and 10,000 other people to participate in the Run for the Cure at LeBreton Flats.

Now cancer-free, Mathews said she lives life to the fullest.

"I see the same survivors year after year. That lets me know that the money we raise here makes a difference."

Kelly Fry, Run For The Cure director

"I'm here for all the other women and for my daughters. Go with your gut feeling. If you have a feeling that tells you something is wrong, get checked. And young girls, watch your breasts. Early detection is what saves lives."

Participants arrived from across Ottawa-Gatineau and beyond to participate in the 15th annual run, raising \$1.6 million for breast cancer research, education and awareness programs.

"This is unbelievable," run director Kelly Fry said of the total. "We're thrilled."

One in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, said

Fry. In 2008, 5,300 women and 50 men will die of the cancer in Canada.

"I've been doing this for nine years and I see the same survivors year after year," she said.

"That lets me know that the money we raise here makes a difference."

The run is tradition for Ottawa's Maria Conca and her family, who participated in honour of Conca's sister, Richetta Montemurro, who died in 2007 at age 48 after battling the disease for eight years.

"She did this event when she was alive, and now we're carrying on the tradition," said her son, Franco.

"This is a way we can help," said Montemurro's daughter, Alyssa.



## Transitway memories contest

As part of the Transitway's 25th anniversary celebration, the City of Ottawa and OC Transpo are inviting commuters to share their Transitway memories. It could be how you met your spouse, or a special act of kindness from a driver or fellow passenger. An annual transit pass goes to the winner. Submit your story online, in 500 words or less by Oct. 24, at [octranspo.com](http://octranspo.com).

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## Dogs We have a wiener



Twenty daschunds participated in a wiener dog race across the ice surface of the Civic Centre yesterday during an intermission in the Ottawa 67's hockey game against the Guelph Storm.

## Vigil remembers impaired driving victims

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Stan, who was only 18, and four of his friends were out celebrating their graduation from high school when a drug-impaired driver struck their vehicle, killing them.

This past July, a new law cracking down on drugs-impaired drivers was passed. Still, what was a bit of a legacy for the boys doesn't lessen a father's pain. "It hurts just as much," said Thomson.

Dozens of people, in-

cluding families and friends of victims, attended MADD's annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance on Parliament Hill last night.

"This is for the victims of violent crime and to show the families and friends that we care for them," said MADD Ottawa president Tom Wainwright.

Every day in Canada, impaired driving kills four people and injures 200, he said.

## Protesters rally to aid Khadr

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Human rights activists in Ottawa yesterday called on candidates in the federal election to demand the repatriation of Omar Khadr, a Canadian citizen imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay.

In an attempt to thrust Khadr's case into the election spotlight, protesters in orange prison coveralls wore black bags over their heads at the city's Human Rights Memorial.

It was the first of a series of planned cross-country rallies yesterday by the Coalition for the Repatria-

tion of Omar Khadr. His supporters say that the government should bring Khadr to Canada for his trial.

"It's long past time for Omar Khadr to receive justice. That justice must take the form of being repatriated to Canada to stand (for) justice, if the evidence suggests that that is necessary, but it must be here in Canada," said Alex Neve, of Amnesty International in Canada.

Neve said the Canadian government has been silent, even after British and Australian governments requested and received repatriation of their citizens at Guantanamo.

### Awaiting trial

- Khadr was 15 when captured, after being accused of throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan six years ago. He has since been detained at Guantanamo Bay and is awaiting trial.

Author Kerry Pither said the Canadian people must ensure the government knows people will stand up Khadr.

"The government does care what we are doing. They do care about letters, they do care about phone calls, they are paying attention," she said.



Demonstrators show their support for Omar Khadr's removal from military custody at Guantanamo Bay at the Human Rights Monument at Elgin and Lisgar streets yesterday in Ottawa.

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## 4 Ottawa

A man died after being struck by a VIA passenger train in the city's south end on the weekend. The collision happened at 10:30 p.m. Friday in the Rideau Heights/Hunt Club area. The victim was transported to the Civic campus of Ottawa hospital, where he died from his injuries. METRO OTTAWA

**Man killed in train accident**

# Riding profile: Ottawa West-Nepean

In the lead-up to the Oct. 14 federal election, Metro Ottawa will be offering snapshots of local riding races. Today: Ottawa West-Nepean.

## West-Nepean.

A significant portion of the riding (population 110,000), which includes Bayshore, Crystal Beach, Crystal Bay, Britannia, Carlington and Lincoln Heights,



**John Baird**

**AGE:** 39

**PARTY:** Conservative

**POSITION:** Incumbent MP



"Getting things done for Ottawa is the most important issue for my constituents — and I agree. As a lifelong resident of the city, it is a priority for me to continue to deliver real results for our community. I'm proud of my record for Ottawa at both a local and national level. I've put \$33 million on the table to help clean the Ottawa River. I was successful in helping the Queensway Carleton Hospital reduce its rent to a dollar, and there will be no bridge through Andrew Haydon Park. If re-elected, I will continue to make tackling crime in our community a priority. I have pledged to secure additional funding for the Ottawa Police Service."



**Frances Coates**



**AGE:** 60

**PARTY:** Green

**POSITION:** Owner, Aerobiology Research Laboratories

"In my mind, the most important local issue concerning the federal election is a commitment from the federal government to provide continuing dialogue and stable funding for light rail transit, infrastructure and policing."

## Election 2008

is an immigrant population. It's a riding where nearly one-in-five residents is over the age of 65.

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**David Pratt**

**AGE:** 58

**PARTY:** Liberal

**POSITION:** Former minister of national defence, special adviser to the Canadian Red Cross



"The most important issues in this election are integrity and leadership. We need to find solutions for our shared future — for rapid transit, for the poor, for the protection of our public service, for improvements to community safety and for our environment — our river, our infrastructure and our cultural institutions. Ottawa West-Nepean needs a representative who will stand up for Ottawa, who will listen to the concerns of local residents and take action on their needs."



**Marlene Rivier**

**AGE:** 54

**PARTY:** New Democratic

**POSITION:** Psychological associate



"The economy is top of mind for voters. Working- and middle-class families are working longer and harder and are still having trouble making ends meet. They want a government that will protect jobs and create new green-collar jobs; that will help with the soaring costs of education, training, childcare and senior's care. They want a government that will protect them from being gouged at the gas pumps and close the income gap between the rich and everyone else that has been widening not just for 25 months, but for 25 years."

## Two men rob bank branch

**THEFT** One suspect indicated he was armed with a gun when two men robbed a TD Canada Trust bank branch in the city's west end on the weekend.

The first suspect is a white male, 20-to-25 years old, who was wearing a dark-coloured baseball cap,

hoodie sweatshirt and pants. The second suspect is described as a black male, 20-to-25 years old, wearing a light-coloured baseball cap and khaki clothing.

Contact the police's Major Crime Section at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493 with information.

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## Falling for Gatineau's colours

Gatineau Park will be outfitted in its finest fall colours for the next two weeks, and the National Capital Commission is urging residents and visitors to check it out.

Fall Rhapsody 2008, which started in Gatineau Park over the weekend and runs until Oct. 19, offers a range of activities for

**"The fall foliage is just gorgeous ..."**

Annie Desrosiers

activities for children on weekdays at Mackenzie King Estate, the fourth annual Friends

"The fall foliage is just gorgeous in Gatineau Park," said NCC spokeswoman Annie Desrosiers.

All events are free, and being only 15 minutes from Parliament Hill, the park is accessible, she said.

The Follies of the Fall Forest, held weekends at the Gatineau Park Visitor Cen-

tre, teaches people how to recognize some of the 50 species of trees found in Gatineau Park, as well as what causes leaves to change colours.

Other events include noon-hour concerts and ac-

tivities for children on weekdays at Mackenzie King Estate, the fourth annual Friends

of Gatineau Park's Research Day on Oct. 18, which teaches participants about the park's heritage, and a bird-watching, geology and botany event, as well as an amateur photography contest throughout the festival.

For information, call the NCC at 613-239-5000.

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Police now say that an alleged attack on a 20-year-old woman in Edson, Alta., just three days after a 14-year-old girl was slain, never happened. The town had been in a virtual lockdown after the alleged attack. Police said they do not plan to lay public mischief charges. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada



## Navy theft leads to arrests

RCMP have arrested an undisclosed number of people following the theft of United States navy equipment that was being stored in central Newfoundland. Last month, thieves broke into a municipal garage in the town of Botwood and stole \$20,000 worth of diving equipment that was being stored there by the United States navy.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Plants not required to report listeriosis

**Four months before the Maple Leaf outbreak started claiming lives, Canada's food safety agency quietly dropped its rule requiring meat-processing companies to alert the agency about listeria-tainted meat, a Torstar News Service/CBC investigation has found.**

Twenty people died as a result of the outbreak and federal meat inspectors and their union say this rule change likely made the country's listeria outbreak far worse than it had to be.

Bob Kingston, head of the union that represents Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspectors, and four veteran inspectors

### The old rules

- Before April 1, if a company preparing meat for sale to the public had a positive test showing listeria, it "would have had to have been not on-

interviewed for this story fear the rule change, part of the deregulation of Canada's food safety net, continues to pose a serious threat to public health.

The CFIA confirmed that there is currently no onus on companies to alert inspectors about positive bacterial results. The change came as part of a federal decision to allow companies to write their own food safety

brought to the (federal) inspector's attention, but the inspector would have been involved in overseeing the cleanup," says Bob Kingston.

plans, with federal approval.

"If I walk in as an inspector, the plant doesn't come up to me and say, 'We had positive tests today,'" said Tom Graham, the food safety agency's national inspection manager. But he says the reporting rule will likely be reinstated as a result of the current federal investigation into the Maple Leaf outbreak.

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Nathan Fry's mother, Joanne, left, and his brother, Brandon, leave the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver yesterday. A jury found Nathan guilty on five counts of first-degree murder and on one count of attempted murder in the deaths of five people in a house fire in 2006.

RAY CARRETT/METRO CANADA

## Fry guilty on five counts of murder

**COURT** The man accused of setting a house fire that killed a Vancouver family and a friend as they slept has been convicted on five counts of first-degree murder.

Nathan Fry, 20, was also found guilty of attempted murder and won't be eligible

for parole for 25 years.

The jury heard how Bolin-go Etiako, then 16, woke to find his house on fire and jumped out a second-storey window. His mother, three younger siblings and girlfriend died.

Fry maintained his innocence, saying he was rip-

ping off grow-ops that night.

But a videotape played in court showed Fry admitting to an undercover cop, who Fry thought was an organized crime boss, that he set the fire, providing detailed information about the crime.

METRO CANADA

## Soldier injured in roadside blast

**AFGHANISTAN** A Canadian soldier was injured yesterday when a roadside bomb exploded near an armoured vehicle in Afghanistan, CBC News Online reports.

The soldier, whose name was not released, was flown to the multinational medical facility at Kandahar Airfield, where he is listed in serious but stable condition.

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## Private clinics may violate Health Act: Report

**HEALTH** Since the first private MRI clinics opened in Canada 10 years ago, there has been little policing by the federal or provincial governments, a report says.

Across Canada, there are 42 for-profit MRI/CT clinics, 72 private surgical hospitals and 16 "boutique" physician clinics, the Ontario Health Coalition says in a report released today.

Inside these clinics, the

**"The contention that for-profit health care can exist along with a public system is not true."**

Natalie Mehra

health coalition charges they found evidence to suspect 89 possible violations of the Canada Health Act in five provinces. The violations include extra-billing patients for medically necessary services or selling queue-jumping services.

"The contention that for-profit health care can exist along with a public system is not true," said Natalie Mehra, the report's author and director of the coalition. "It is a take-away from the public health-care system."

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### News in brief

**MONTREAL** An 18-year-old man has been shot in the stomach by police in a north-end Montreal neighbourhood, CBC

News Online reports. The man, identified by family members as Nashwan Abdullah, is in stable condition, police said.

**HALIFAX** A mistakenly released prisoner turned himself in to police Friday and the justice minister blames the in-

cident on "human error," the result of a missing check mark on a form.

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**Looking good on the campaign trail**

Sweater fever is catching. First it was Stephen Harper who donned a baby-blue sweater in the campaign's early days in a bid to look more relaxed. Now Stéphane Dion has adopted the look, too, with a burgundy sweater during a swing through New Brunswick and P.E.I. Saturday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**


**Campaign**  
**Cops investigate vandalism**

**TORONTO** Bizarre and dangerous acts of vandalism have spread into another federal riding in the Greater Toronto Area, with 12 new incidents reported yesterday in Toronto Parkdale-High Park.

The latest come on the heels of 14 similar acts of vandalism in the Toronto St. Paul's riding, reported to police Saturday.

Toronto police yesterday continued to investigate the acts of vandalism, which include the cutting of brake lines, phone and cable lines as well as graffiti defacing homes and garages. The 26 incidents are likely connected and may have been done by one person since they are so similar in nature, Liberal party insiders suggest.

"There is this hatred thing that is so upsetting—hatred of Liberals," said Liberal MP for St. Paul's Carolyn Bennett. "There's no other excuse for this in terms of this kind of intimidation." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Ads have short shelf lives

**D**o election ads make any difference? A good test is to try to remember the last ad that made a significant splash during an election campaign: An ad notable because it backfired.

The 1993 TV ad by the (then) Progressive Conservatives appeared to make fun of Jean Chrétien's facial paralysis. Its double-dollop of schoolyard bully meanness made bad campaign worse for Kim Campbell's Tories, who lost all but two of their 169 seats.

Positive ads rarely define a campaign. The one spectacular exception is the TV ad It's Morning Again in America, created by ad legend Hal Riney for Ronald Reagan's 1984 re-election campaign. Its irresistible aw-shucks Norman Rockwell Americana helped Reagan whup Walter

Mondale by 16 million votes. But the ad's secret ingredient was Reagan himself. Voters believed that he believed the rosy view of America, and they wanted a platitude of whatever he was having.

Campaign ads are effective in bolstering a leader's image and enhancing doubts about the bad guys. But like most ads, their effect is slow and gradual, like grains of sand filling an hourglass. And they can only work with impressions that already exist somewhere in the voter's mind.

Slogans once ruled election campaigns, but they, too, often backfired. In 1908, the Liberals campaigned on the slogan Let Laurier Fin-

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ish His Work. Opponents mocked: Let Laurier's Work Finish Him.

In 1964, rumours spread that Republican nominee Barry Goldwater was willing—even eager—to use nuclear weapons. Scoffers converted his official slogan You Know in Your Heart He's Right to You Know in Your Guts He's Nuts.

Goldwater was also the target of Daisy, a landmark TV spot from Doyle Dane Bernbach (who had put the VW Beetle on the map with its fantastic Think Small campaign), showing a little girl playing in a pasture as a loudspeaker counts down to a nuclear blast. Over the mushroom cloud, Lyndon Johnson's voice reads, in part:


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Chrétien**
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"We must either love each other, or we must die." Between the lines: Elect Goldwater and he'll nuke your children.

Advertising is not where campaigns happen: They simply divert attention with Neverland imagery of what a party wants you to think. Campaigns are defined by gaffes, rumours and unguarded moments—inspiring and disastrous—that shift the prevailing winds of public mood.

And the conversation is moving to the Internet through blogs, social networks and instant messaging.

As I write this, a Google search of "Harper" and "election" yields some 98,000 blogs. A YouTube search of "Canada," "election" and "2008" produces more than 1,000 videos. That's where campaigning is headed.

You heard it here first.

Mike Tennant is a freelance ad writer and co-creator/writer of Terry O'Reilly and the Age of Persuasion on CBC Radio One.
**News in brief**

**NORTH** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion put northern issues in the spotlight yesterday, starting in Iqaluit, Nunavut, where he warned that military might alone is not enough to ensure Canada's hold on the Arctic and urged greater focus on northern residents and "aggressive diplomacy" to enforce its sovereignty.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's focus on the military as the muscle to enforce Canadian sovereignty is a mistake, Dion said yesterday during a visit to the capital.

**VOTES** NDP Leader Jack Layton is ramping up the rhetoric and his call for strategic voting to unseat Prime Minister Stephen Harper, or at least rob him of a majority. Layton said yesterday in Thunder Bay that Harper cares far more about corporate tax cuts than he does about people struggling to make ends meet or losing their jobs.

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Tropical Storm Norbert formed off Mexico's Pacific coast and was expected to turn into a hurricane early this week, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said yesterday. Norbert is headed toward Baja California but is not forecast to make a direct hit on the peninsula. **REUTERS**

# World



## Pope kicks off Bible marathon

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday kicked off a seven-day, non-stop Bible-reading marathon on Italian television. The pope read for several minutes from the start of the Book of Genesis live from his apartments in the Vatican, while other speakers read in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Rome. In the next seven days and six nights, more than 1,200 people will read from the Bible until all 73 books of the Catholic edition is finished.

**REUTERS**

### News in brief

**COURT** Amid a presidential race that may decide its future direction, the U.S. Supreme Court begins a new term today with cases about tobacco company lawsuits, protecting whales from navy sonar and a government crackdown on dirty words on TV.

**WAR** Britain's commander in Afghanistan has said the war against the Taliban cannot be won, the Sunday Times reported. It quoted Brig. Mark Carleton-Smith as saying that if the Taliban were willing to talk, then that might be "precisely the sort of progress" needed to end the insurgency. **REUTERS**

## Obama fires back over 'smears'

Says McCain campaign 'running out of time' after controversial Palin comment

**Democrat Barack Obama counterattacked yesterday against a new Republican tactic by saying rival John McCain was more interested in a smear campaign than fixing the U.S. economy.**

With McCain losing ground in opinion polls, a campaign strategist was quoted as saying the Republican presidential candidate needed to "turn the page" on the economic issue and make the election about Obama's experience and character.

That effort started Saturday when Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin accused Obama of "palling around with terrorists" in reference to his acquaintance with Bill Ayers, a former member of the Vietnam War-era militant group

### Cash contributions questioned

- The Republican Party yesterday said Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama had not done enough to

screen out illegal campaign contributions and asked U.S. election officials to look into the matter.

Weather Underground.

Obama responded to the accusation at a rally attended by more than 20,000 people in Asheville, N.C., a swing

state where the Democratic presidential candidate was preparing for his second debate with McCain tomorrow.

"Senator McCain and

**REUTERS**

### Tradition Preparing for Yom Kippur



BATZELAYNE/REUTERS

Ultra-Orthodox Jewish boys hold chickens during Kaparot yesterday in Jerusalem, ahead of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, which starts at sundown Wednesday. Kaparot is an ancient custom connected to Yom Kippur, where white chickens are slaughtered as a symbolic gesture of atonement. The slaughtered chickens are then donated to the poor.

## Get snapping!

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## Georgia monitors see sign of Russian pullback

**CONFlict** EU ceasefire monitors in Georgia reported the dismantling of a Russian checkpoint near breakaway South Ossetia yesterday, saying it was the "first open sign" of a promised Russian troop pullback by Oct. 10. A spokesman with the

European Union monitoring mission said the checkpoint was in the Ali region of Georgia.

Russia sent forces into Georgia to repel an offensive by Tbilisi to retake South Ossetia from pro-Moscow separatists. **REUTERS**

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### Simpson facing life in prison

**CRIME** O.J. Simpson, who more than a decade ago stunned much of America by beating murder charges, is now in a Las Vegas jail, facing the possibility of life in prison after a jury found him guilty of kidnapping and robbery in a dramatic verdict on Friday.

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# Going Green

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## Putting humans in their place

**ScienceMatters**
**David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola**


**A**ndrew Weaver's recently published book, *Keeping Our Cool: Canada In A Warming World*, is an urgent call to action that some of the folks running for the privilege of leading us into the future seem to be ignoring.

Weaver, a world-class cli-

matologist who is putting the University of Victoria on the global map, was one of the lead authors on papers put out by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In that role, he shared the Nobel Peace Prize last year with other panel members.

In the book, Weaver argues that if we are to stabilize atmospheric levels of carbon at a level that will not result in climate going haywire, we must begin massive reductions in greenhouse gas emissions now with a goal of totally eliminating our output of them. If we don't, 80 per cent of all species could become extinct! That's an astounding prediction, and if we

**"We are rampaging across the planet, treating it as our plaything, as our source of raw materials, as our dumping ground for our waste and emissions."**

we think we'll somehow survive such a catastrophic crisis, we should think again.

When I first read about colonies of honeybees dying out, a bolt of fear went through me. Without pollinators, most flowering plants will not survive, and that would devastate the makeup of species on the planet.

We have become the dominant animal on the planet, and it has been an amazing story. But in puff-

ing ourselves up with self-importance, we have lost sight of how little we know about the way the world works and how utterly dependent we are on the services that nature performs for us, like removing carbon dioxide from the air and replacing it with oxygen — not a bad service for animals like us.

Eminent Harvard ecologist and ant expert E.O. Wilson once told me that if humans disappeared overnight, only a handful

### Compost household waste

Canadians produce more than 21 million tonnes of garbage annually, according to *Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference* by Tanya Ha. Approximately 30 per cent of household waste is organic material, much of which could be put into compost bins.

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of organisms would also go extinct: Creatures that live on our skin, in our armpits, and our groins and guts. The rest of nature would rebound, the planet would green up, and animals would increase in abundance. But if all the ants went extinct overnight, whole terrestrial ecosystems would collapse, and the makeup of animals and plants would change catastrophically. Kind of puts humans into perspective.

We apparently now put health as one of our top priorities in this election. Well, when we use air, water, and land as a garbage can, do we think we are somehow immune to the health consequences?

We've got to see the world as it really is — a complex interaction of air, water, land, and living things, all interconnected and all interdependent.

We are rampaging across the planet, treating it as our plaything, as our source of raw materials, as our dumping ground for our waste and emissions. And then we whine like mad when reminded that we have to change and we have to pay for what we do. Why haven't we heard more about this perspective in the current election campaign?

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

## Peru a climate riddle as world heats up

Scientists are using everything from a yellow submarine to weather balloons and special airplanes to solve a climate conundrum: Why is Peru getting colder while the rest of the world heats up?

Researchers from Europe, the United States and South America started collecting reams of data last week from clouds, the shoreline and deep underwater to try to figure out the dynamics of the southeastern Pacific.

"Peru has a very important role in global climate," said Alexis Chaigneau, a French scientist leading experiments in Peru. "Over the past 50 years, the Peruvian coast has gotten colder, mainly because of stronger winds that have pulled up the deep cold waters of the ocean current."

**Weather patterns**

- The area, home to one-fifth of the world's fish stocks, plays a crucial part in global weather patterns, and scientists want to discover why temperatures have dropped on the desert coast.

For the next three months, everything from a small satellite-controlled submarine to cloud-hugging airplanes will feed computers with information on oxygen levels in the water, temperature, salinity, wind speeds and current.

Along the way, they also hope to solve the riddles of the famous El Niño and La Niña weather phenomenon that occur in the southeastern Pacific.

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Kuwait injected more cash into the banking system to shore up confidence and provide more liquidity in the wake of the U.S. financial crisis, as the central bank governor promised that local banks were safe from the fallout of the U.S. crisis. **REUTERS**

# Business

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## Sponsored venues facing identity crisis

**Performance venues love blockbuster events, but not the kind that are currently affecting their naming-rights partners.**

The takeovers of big banks like Washington Mutual (WaMu) and Wachovia are forcing venues with long-term naming-rights deals with these institutions to grapple with unexpected branding challenges. Some even face the prospect of losing a partner at a time when replacing one lucrative naming-rights deal with another could be

a difficult task at best.

The WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York, the WaMu Theater at Qwest Field in Seattle, the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia and the Wachovia Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are among the venues being forced to deal with the fallout of the financial crisis.

Millions of dollars are spent positioning and branding arenas and theaters, so a name change creates unwanted headaches. **REUTERS**

### Business in brief

**AIRLINES** WestJet reported its planes flew smaller passenger loads last month. Air Canada reported a higher load, but less capacity.

**MINING** The junior mining sector will shrink as companies fall on tight credit conditions and plunging commodity prices, an analyst said. **REUTERS**

### World record Legomania



Guinness World Record judge Carlos Martinez stands in front of the world's tallest standing Lego tower at 29.48 metres in Vienna yesterday, which beat the previous record of 29.3 metres. **LEONHARD FOGLER/REUTERS**



### Airlines feel the jet lag

Worldwide business jet deliveries will rise 8 to 17 per cent next year to what may be a peak as high fuel costs and global economic worries depress demand, according to a forecast by Honeywell International Inc. Delivery of new business jets tend to lag economic activity because they are bought and paid for over 3- to 4-year cycles. **REUTERS**

### Milk melamine-free: China

**SCANDAL** China, mired in a health scandal over contaminated dairy products at home and abroad, said new tests had revealed no melamine in liquid milk on the home market.

Officials also said on Thursday the latest chemical tests had come back clean. More than 5,000 inspectors carried out "round-the-clock scrutiny" at dairy factories. **REUTERS**

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**Guarantee shouldn't cripple banks: Anglo Irish**

The rate Irish banks will pay under a government plan to guarantee 400 billion euros of liabilities — covering the deposits and debts of six Irish-owned banks for the next two years — should not cripple institutions, Anglo Irish Bank said. **REUTERS**

## U.S. job cuts boost fears of recession

**CRISIS** U.S. employers cut 159,000 jobs last month, a ninth straight monthly reduction and the deepest in 5½ years, the government said in a report Friday that suggested the economy may be in recession.

**"The problems of Wall Street have now hit Main Street with full force."** Charles Schumer  
The Labour Department report showed 760,000 jobs lost so far in 2008. The unemployment rate in September held at a five-year high of 6.1 per cent as 121,000 people quit the workforce.

The bleak hiring outlook and a separate report showing a sluggish service sector that barely grew last month added to a string of recent negative news, including weak personal income and spending, declines in manufacturing and declining factory orders and shipments.

"The problems of Wall Street have now hit Main Street with full force," the chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, said ahead of the U.S. House of Representatives' vote to approve a \$700 billion US rescue package for banks and other financial firms.

**REUTERS**

## In brief

**IG NOBELS** A researcher who figured out that Coke explodes sperm and scientists who discovered that people will happily eat stale chips if they crunch loudly enough won alternative Ig Nobel prizes Thursday. The awards honour real research, but are meant as a funny alternative to next week's serious Nobel prizes.

**SELL-OFF** American International Group Inc. said it will sell its three Japanese life insurance businesses for an estimated \$9.5-billion US to focus on its main insurance operations and to help repay the \$85 billion borrowed from the U.S. government.

**STEEL** ThyssenKrupp's steel-making division said it has a "favourable outlook" for emerging markets such as Asia, Latin America and the Near East, and expressed confidence that these markets would keep the steel boom alive despite a slowing in economic growth.

**REUTERS**

# European countries spring into action

**Germany offered a blanket bank deposit guarantee yesterday in a bid to contain the spreading credit crisis as officials clinched deals to rescue Germany's Hypo Real Estate and recapitalize two other European banks.**

Italian Prime Minister

Silvio Berlusconi was quoted as saying Italy would revive the idea of a common bailout fund for European banks at a meeting of finance ministers in Luxembourg today.

Germany shot back that it remained opposed to any such pooled funding for

European bank rescues like the \$700-billion US bailout approved last week by the United States.

But Germany said it would guarantee more than 500 billion euros in deposits in German banks to protect savers from the worst global financial crisis since the 1930s. Austria quickly followed suit.

The deposit guarantee by Germany, Europe's largest economy, seemed certain to raise the stakes for other EU members to match its terms and to restart a debate about Europe's fragmented response to the credit crisis.

German officials clinched a rescue deal for lender Hypo Real Estate, Belgium and Luxembourg found a buyer for Fortis in BNP Paribas, and UniCredit, Italy's second-biggest bank, announced plans to raise new capital.

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Eugene Melnyk is confident that the Ottawa Senators can come to a contract agreement with winger Daniel Alfredsson, but is cautious about the type of deal that's reached, TSN.ca is reporting. The team owner met with Alfredsson's agent JP Barry in Stockholm on Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

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## Auld steals the show

Sens goalie loses shutout bid in game's final seconds



Ottawa 3 Pittsburgh 1

**MIKE BEASLEY/FOR METRO OTTAWA**  
**THE SKINNY:** After only two regular season games, do the Ottawa Senators have a goaltending controversy brewing?

**THE UNUSUAL:** Goalie Alex Auld was perfect in net and was headed for a shutout in his Ottawa debut until Alex Goligoski scored for Pittsburgh with less than two seconds remaining in regulation.

**THE GOAL SCORERS:** Dany Heatley got a pair of power-play markers. Antoine Vermette scored the third Sens goal. Goligoski was the only Penguin to find the back of the net.

**THE RATING:** Three stars. Ottawa had a decent performance but the game would have been more interesting if Pittsburgh's power play had connected on one or two of their seven opportunities.



Ottawa Senators forward Antoine Vermette, right, scores on Pittsburgh Penguins goalkeeper Marc-Andre Fleury during their NHL hockey game at Globen Arena in Stockholm yesterday.

**THE RUMBLING:** With only five goals in two games — and going a measty 1-4 on the power play — have the Penguins lost some of their offensive lustre of last year?

**THE NEXT GAME:** The Senators return to Canada having earned three of a possible four points during the start to their NHL season in Sweden, and will begin preparations for their first home game this Sat-

urday night at Scotiabank Place when they host the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings. Pittsburgh returns to action at home on Saturday night against the New Jersey Devils.

## Colts score 21 points in closing minutes to defeat Texans

**NFL** Peyton Manning's five-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne with just under two minutes to go capped a furious Indianapolis comeback as the Colts stunned Houston, 31-27 yesterday.

The Colts scored 21 unanswered points during a span of two minutes and

10 seconds to win.

**Redskins 23, Eagles 17** — Clinton Portis gained 145 yards on 29 carries with a touchdown, and the surprising Washington Redskins came back to stun the Philadelphia Eagles. Manning



Kurt Warner threw a pair of touchdown passes, as the Arizona Cardinals cruised past the previously unbeaten Buffalo Bills.

**Titans 13, Ravens 10** — Alge Crumpler caught the game-

winning touchdown pass with just under two minutes to play, as the Tennessee Titans remained unbeaten with a victory over the Baltimore Ravens.

**Cowboys 31, Bengals 22** — Tony Romo threw for three touchdowns to lead Dallas past Cincinnati.

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## Jankovic wins in Stuttgart

Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, left, celebrated her imminent return to the top of the world rankings with an easy 6-4 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova in the Stuttgart Grand Prix final yesterday. Second seed Jankovic, who will replace Serena Williams as world No. 1 today, took advantage of regular errors from the unseeded Russian Petrova to clinch victory in 83 minutes.

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## Phillies power past Brewers to NLCS

Phillies 6 Brewers 2



**MLB** Pat Burrell belted two of Philadelphia's four home runs, as the Phillies earned a trip to the National League Championship Series for the first time in 15 years with a 6-2 victory yesterday over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Burrell collected three hits and drove in four runs for the Phillies, who captured the best-of-five National League Division Series three games to one.

"I couldn't be more thrilled," said Burrell, who came into the game without a hit in the series (0-for-8). "We knew it was going to be tough to win here. We knew the fans were going to make it tough for us. It was really important to get a lead."

**White Sox 5 Rays 3** — DeWayne Wise hit a two-run

double in Chicago's three-run fourth, and the White Sox staved off elimination with a 5-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 3 of their American League Division Series.

Tampa Bay still leads the series 2-1, and can advance with a win in Game 4 tonight.

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez became the all-time leader in receiving yards by a tight end in yesterday's 34-0 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

Stone Resort Championship yesterday.

**TENNIS** Czech Tomas Berdych halted fifth seed Juan Martin Del Potro's hot streak by beating the Argentine 6-1 6-4 to win the Japan Open on yesterday. It's ninth seed Berdych's fourth ATP Tour title and his first since winning in Halle last year.

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### MLB

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES PLAYOFFS

##### BEST OF FIVE

##### L.A. Angels vs. Boston

##### LAST NIGHT'S GAME

##### L.A. Angels at Boston, (Boston leads series 2-0)

##### Tampa Bay vs. Chicago W. Sox

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULT

##### Chicago 5 Tampa Bay 3

##### TODAY'S GAME

##### Tampa Bay at Chicago Sox, 5:07

##### (Tampa Bay leads series 2-1)

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES PLAYOFFS

##### BEST OF FIVE

##### Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers

##### SATURDAY'S RESULT

##### L.A. Dodgers 3 Chicago Cubs 1

##### (Dodgers win series 3-0)

##### Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee

##### SATURDAY'S RESULT

##### Philadelphia 6 Milwaukee 2

##### (Philadelphia wins series 3-1)

##### WEEK 5

##### NORTH DIVISION

##### W L T PTS

##### y-Montreal 9 5 0 18

##### Winnipeg 5 9 0 10

##### Toronto 4 10 0 8

##### Hamilton 3 11 0 6

##### San Diego 2 3 0 7

##### Oakland 1 3 0 2

##### Kansas City 1 4 0 2

##### WEEK 6

##### WEST DIVISION

##### W L T PTS

##### Denver 4 1 0 8

##### Baltimore 2 2 0 5

##### Cleveland 1 3 0 2

##### Cincinnati 0 5 0 .000

##### WEEK 5

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##### W L T PCT

##### Chicago 34 Detroit 7

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# Workology

## UBC in NCAA?

The University of British Columbia is in the final stages of deciding whether to apply for membership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the Division II level, and interest is growing among NCAA schools for UBC to join.

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## Jimmy 'The Iceman' cometh

### OddJobs

**Diane  
Peters**

t's a little known fact that two, not one, hockey-related stars have come out of Brantford, Ont.

You've probably seen one of them — his name is Wayne — work his magic. Less likely, you've watched Jimmy MacNeil and his ice-related skills.

For 20 years, 47-year-old MacNeil has been a certified ice technician. Most call him a Zamboni driver. (Olympia also makes ice resurfacers, but Zamboni is

the name that's stuck.)

He rose to fame back in 1999 when the Zamboni Company went on the hunt for the Zamboni Driver of the Year. MacNeil triumphed in the Internet competition partly thanks to the support of factory staff at the Zamboni factory in Brantford. After winning his title, "The Iceman" MacNeil got a lot of exposure on TV and radio. He also drove a Zamboni across Canada in 2001 and raised \$1 million for the Canadian Hockey Association.

This was not his original career plan. He studied history at Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and planned to become a teacher. But after graduation, his father became ill and needed help with his mechanic busi-

ness.

At the time, Alex MacNeil was one of the few who could fix ice resurfacers. So father and son kept busy visiting arenas in southern Ontario and the northern US. MacNeil wasn't the greatest apprentice mechanic, but he loved arenas.

"There's a certain aura about it. The cold, the smell of the popcorn and the hot dogs. If you want to meet a lot of happy people just having fun, just go to an ice rink," he says.

After five years of helping his dad, MacNeil got a job driving an ice resurfacer in a nearby township. He started taking courses to get certified and three years later started driving for the Brantford and District Civic Centre.

Every hour, MacNeil — or

one of the other three drivers at the arena — drives the Zamboni onto the ice. He guides the machine through its job of shaving a layer of ice away and spraying a coating of water over the surface, which refreezes smooth and clean. He frequently measures the thickness of the ice and uses slush to do serious repairs.

The other 50 minutes of every hour he's on shift, MacNeil helps run the arena by checking on the refrigeration system, tidying up and doing odd jobs.

Although the kids at the rink today have no memory of The Iceman, they often ask for his autograph.

"There's something so unique and cool and fun about watching this machine take all that snow

### The Lowdown

**Job title:** Zamboni driver/certified ice technician

**Salary:** \$35,000 to \$45,000

**Education/Training:** A certificate from a provincial organization such as the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association

**Best Part of the Job:** "Driving around the rink and seeing the kids giving you the thumbs up and cheering for you."

**Worst Part of the Job:** "Plugged toilets."

that the players have made and in 10 minutes restore the ice to what it was. It's such a fun thing to watch."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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# Report cards can be stressful for families

**The first report card of the school year is almost here. It's an important milestone in the school year, but the waiting and the wondering can be very stressful for families. After all, the report card's imminent arrival could mean some potentially shocking and unpleasant surprises.**

For students, a bad grade on the report card could mean punishment and restrictions on extra-curricular activities.

For parents, poor grades are a source of concern and worry — is their child facing an educational road-block that could put dreams and plans for the future on hold? Or worse, eliminate possibilities for the future altogether?

Adding to the stress is the fact that for most families, report cards can be confusing. Changing curriculum and reporting standards mean that the report card is filled with jargon and terms that mean essentially nothing to a parent.

"Report Cards today are not the same report cards that parents remember from when they were children, which can make reading report cards an exercise in frustration," said Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder of Oxford Learning.

"Reporting requirements have changed a lot and to make matters worse, report cards seem like they are written in gobbledegook. It just makes them that much more confusing."

Typically, report cards are upheld as the ultimate indicator of student progress — but they do have their limitations. The report card is but a single snapshot of a child's progress up to a given point and is not a complete picture of a child's potential. Whitehead recommends that parents consider the first report card of the year as warning sign; if there are any issues with poor grades, take action now.

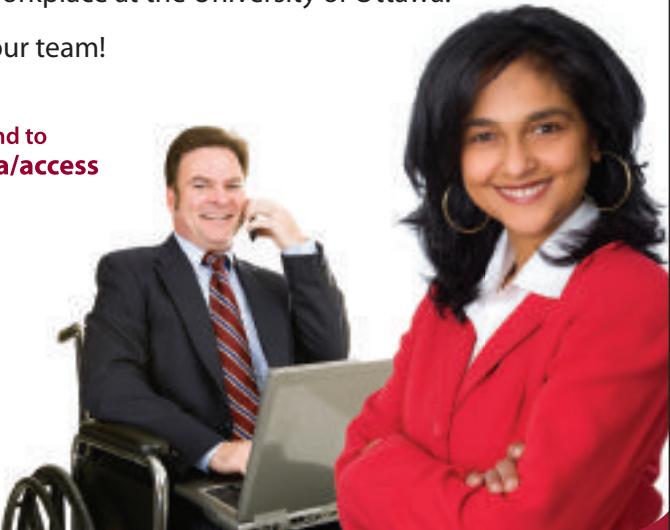
## Report card tips

- Sit down and review together. Make sure that there are no distractions so you can focus on one another and the conversation.
- Don't get upset. If you're upset or angry about grades, hold the discussion until you can speak calmly and rationally.
- Start with empathetic and positive comments. Highlight something positive about the report card, no matter how trivial. For instance, "we are pleased with your spelling grade."
- Listen. Recognize your child's struggles. School can be tough. It is helpful to students to know that someone is listening to their concerns.

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"Parents need to remember that there is still plenty of time to get back on track. It's a key thing to remember and it can greatly reduce report card stress," said Whitehead.

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**Gossip Girl's new guy**

John Patrick Amedori is set to appear in four episodes of *Gossip Girl* (the first airs Oct. 27) as Aaron Rose, a new beau for Blake Lively's Serena van der Woodsen. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

# Entertainment

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, [TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA](mailto:TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA)**New Designs**

Kate Winslet is to play fashion designer Vivienne Westwood in an upcoming movie, which will document Westwood's rise to fame in the 1970s to the present day. [IMDB.COM](#)

## DeGrassi rings the bell

High school drama enrolls new students

**As DeGrassi: The Next Generation rolls into its eighth season, it's introducing, well, a next generation.**

A fresh new class of brainy Grade 9 overachievers is among the changes coming this season (which premiered last night on CTV) on a series that continues to chronicle teen angst and channel it out to millions of acne-obsessed fans around the globe.

"I don't think there's been a year since the first season that we were so committed to such a big influx of younger students. We've introduced one or two here or there, but this is a big influx of students and we were very committed to having a strong presence of the ninth graders," Schuyler said of the decision to bring in nine new faces. The eighth season will also follow the tribulations of dorm life for three veteran cast members who've graduated to

of the things we were thinking about as we went out to plan our Season 8 was to bring new life into the school," she said.

Producers are also working on a story arc that takes some of the cast members to Hollywood, where they'll hook up with two long-time DeGrassi fanatics, director/actor Kevin Smith and sidekick Jason Mewes (who've previously appeared on the series).

Another big change is the replacement of level-headed principal Mrs. Hatzilakos with a new guy, The Shep, a brash, football-loving jock whose disdain for scholarly pursuits will put him at odds with the existing administration.

Much of the advance work on the Hollywood segments has already been shot at various locations around Toronto, said Ste-

fan Brogren, who starred in the original series and has since returned as a regular, teacher Mr. Simpson. "We doubled Toronto for Hollywood for a lot of it. It's amazing what a couple of palm trees can do," said



Dalmar Abuzeid as Danny and Nina Dobrev as Mia in a scene from *DeGrassi: The Next Generation*.

PHOTO: CTV

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Brogren.

But it still means a four-day "guerrilla" shoot in Los Angeles to capture images of those places that are "so iconically Hollywood," he said.

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**weekend box office**

Estimated ticket sales:  
1 **Beverly Hills Chihuahua**  
\$29 million US

- 2 **Eagle Eye:** \$17.7 million
- 3 **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:** \$12 million
- 4 **Nights in Rodanthe:** \$7.4 million
- 5 **Appaloosa:** \$5 million
- 6 **Lakeview Terrace:** \$4.5 million
- 7 **Burn After Reading:** \$4.1 million
- 8 **Fireproof:** \$4.1 million
- 9 **An American Carol:** \$3.8 million
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Hasselbeck not leaving *The View*  
The View co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck has dismissed rumours she is set to leave the popular daytime show. Hasselbeck was reportedly tempted to leave the show for a stint at Fox News channel after they offered her a high-profile position. [IMDB.COM](#)

## Film honours for Cheadle and Swinton

**MOVIES** Actors Don Cheadle and Tilda Swinton, and filmmaker Stephen Frears will be honoured by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts/Los Angeles (BAFTA) at a ceremony in Hollywood in November, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Cheadle will receive the BAFTA/LA humanitarian award for the achievements of non-profit organization Not on our Watch — which he founded with Ocean's Eleven co-stars George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon.

Oscar-winner Swinton will be named British artist of the year, and Frears will be awarded the John Schlesinger Britannia award for excellence in directing.

## Rowling makes \$10 every second

**PEOPLE** J.K. Rowling is the world's highest-earning author, making more than \$10 every second over the past year, [BBC News Online](#) reports.

The Harry Potter writer, who made a total of \$340 million last year, wrote the first of her bestselling books about the boy wizard in 1997. Her income was six times more than literature's next-biggest earner, James Patterson, of *Along Came A Spider* fame.

## Jones to get SAG lifetime award

**PEOPLE** James Earl Jones, whose booming voice gave the world the villainous Darth Vader in Star Wars, will receive the 2008 life achievement award from the Screen Actors Guild.

The award, given annually to the actor who fosters the finest ideals of the acting profession, will be presented in January when the guild honors the year's top acting achievements on television and film.

## In brief

**AWARDS** The Nobel Prize for literature has been set for Oct. 9. Perennial favorites, from American novelist Philip Roth to Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, top the list of hopefuls for this year's prize, [Reuter](#) reports.

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# I have seen the light: It's purple

## HineSight

Anne Hines

I'm a great believer in inspirational sayings. Little phrases that sum up what life's truly about and the attitude you want to bring to it. Like, "When life gives you lemons, break out the gin and tonic." Or "I'm worth it. At least once it goes on sale."

Until recently, I've lived life by one deeply truthful saying. "That which does not kill me, makes me whinier."

But now, I've seen the light. And it's purple.

I was flipping television channels on the kind of night when you realize that if you're watching Yugoslavian women's volleyball finals it means you're just too tired to go to bed. I came across one of those southern Baptist evangelical preaching shows. I love those shows. The world seems a simpler place when you take out all those confusing issues like choice and thinking.

Anyway, this minister was promoting a new purple bracelet campaign. He explained that what's



If we had to move a bracelet from one wrist to the other every time we complained would we stop doing it altogether?

wrong with the world isn't poverty, violence, injustice or not being able to take a deep breath twenty years from now. Apparently, what's wrong is that we all complain too much.

Complaints are bad. They are "peace harmers." You see, this is where this program is helpful because previously I thought they were opinions.

So, what we do is order one of these purple plastic bracelets, which I did, and every time we complain we move the bracelet from one wrist to the other.

This is supposed to train us not to complain any more, which sounds easy but it's actually really hard.

You see? That was complaining. I have to move my bracelet.

A woman on the TV program said that she managed not to complain for a month. Unfortunately, her

husband told her she was no fun. It didn't say if she was fun before that. Some people aren't. Wait. Is that complaining? I have to move the bracelet. But maybe it's just telling the truth. I should move it back. This is complicated. Shoot. I have to move it again.

This is making me nuts. Shoot. Other wrist. And, isn't complaining sometimes "peace enhancing"? Letting off steam is all that gets us through some of life's trickiest situations, like driving in traffic or attending family gatherings. At least without police intervention.

I'm moving the bracelet. To the trash bin. But it's amazing how well that thing worked. I feel more peaceful already.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

## Book clubs blend love of reading with socializing

BY RAF BRUSILOW  
For Metro Canada

### Reading may be a private experience but sharing its joys doesn't have to be.

Book clubs can be a great way to combine a love for books with a fun social setting that lets you celebrate great books by probing their depths with like-minded people.

Lisa Huie, spokesperson for Indigo Books & Music Inc., says book clubs have evolved into full-fledged intellectual escapes shared by adults with a love of reading, a far cry from the after-school homework crowd.

"They've become a really great social activity that connects people with com-

mon interests," Huie said.

The growth in popularity of book clubs in recent years certainly owes a debt to daytime host and admitted book-lover Oprah Winfrey, who almost single-handedly resurrected the practice in the mid-1990s with her own book club segment on her popular talk show.

A new survey by Indigo shows Fall is the biggest reading season as the colder weather starts to push people and their activity plans indoors, where according to the survey 72 per cent of book club meetings happen. The survey also found an average book club has eight members and reads roughly eight books per year.

If you plan to start your own book club, Huie suggests planning ahead but keeping it mostly casual. "You do want to have a bit of structure, but keep things open enough to include everybody's opinion."

Other tips:

- Make sure your book list is selected democratically — allow every member to choose at least one book for the club to read.
- Aim for ambiance and comfort: candles, comfortable seating and plenty of tea will go a long way to keep members relaxed.
- Offer munchies — themed, if possible. How about a buffet of healthy, savoury treats for a session on Michael Pollan's *In Defense of Food*?

## The Smart Cookies' Guide to Making More Dough

**Author:** Andrea Baxter, Angela Self, Katie Dunsworth, Robyn Gunn and Sandra Hanna with Jennifer Barrett  
**Publisher:** Random House  
**Price:** \$29.99 (Hardcover)



Female financial five-some The Smart Cookies who appear on their own eponymous show on W Network and write a regular column in Metro have broadened their publishing portfolio with a new guide for maximizing your income. Joined by Newsweek editor Jennifer Barrett, the group covers a variety of topics in the social spending and financial planning realms. The Smart Cookies open with actually beginning to speak about money and shift to envisioning and creating your desired lifestyle. The group continues to delve into controlled spending, proper investment practices and understanding property value. Conversational but correct, The Smart Cookies' guide lives up to their savvy and sweet name.

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## BookPicks

**Reading by Lightning**  
**Author:** Joan Thomas  
**Publisher:** Goose Lane Editions  
**Price:** \$22.95 (Paperback)



Long time Globe and Mail book critic Joan Thomas turns the tables by releasing her first fictional work, *Reading by Lightning*. National Magazine Award winning Thomas introduces the maturative first-person narrative that follows Lily Piper. She's the Prairie-born daughter of devoutly religious parents whom she can't help but deviate from. Her variance only increases when she moves to England to care for her grandmother shortly before World War II breaks out. Despite uncertainty about her own future, Lily struggles to grow into her own skin and beat a path into adulthood.

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**Karen and Jack are back**

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# U.S., Canadian debates face off

**ARGUING FOR DOLLARS:** Scheduling the English leaders' debate the same night that the U.S. vice-presidential candidates faced off might have been a dumb move, but it was a typically Canadian one, kind of like putting an Air Force special up against the season finale of *Lost*, complaining that there was, of course, never a chance in hell of comparable ratings, and even taking perverse pride in the humiliation as a Canadian identity-building exercise.

You had to admire the Pollyannaish pluck of Steve Paikin, moderator of the Canadian debate, just before the credits began rolling, when he blurted out that "This was way better than Biden and Palin, I'm sure of it!" The funny thing was that he was kinda right.

The formats couldn't have been more different — a stately stand-up at dueling podiums that allowed candidates to state and re-state their positions and respond at length versus a roundtable pile-on that resembled the family dinner you're still trying to

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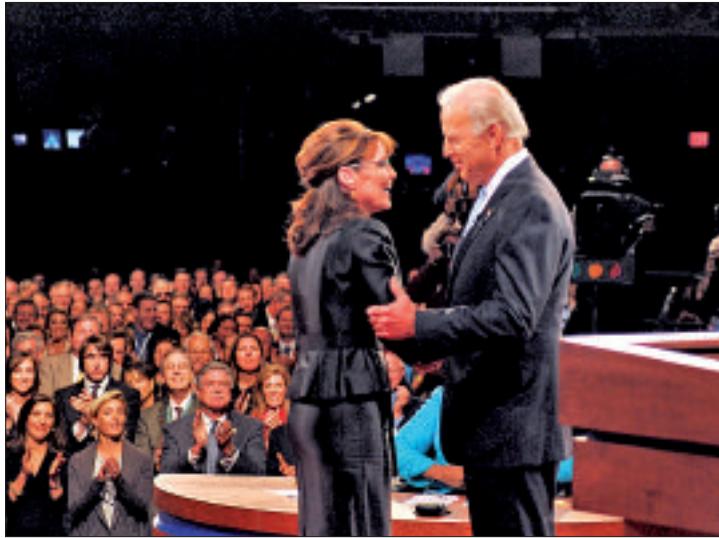
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forget more than any coherent discussion.

Anyone who still cherishes the self-serving but deluded myth that Canadians are more civil than our American neighbours — which is to say anyone who's never witnessed the medieval bear-baiting that is Question Period on Parliament Hill — should have had that definitively debunked after Thursday night.

Every candidate seemed to have gone in with some folksy catchphrase or gotcha punchline loaded and chambered: "You panicked!" "I call that the ultimate bridge to nowhere." "Laissez-faire, I don't care." "Joe Six-Pack, hockey mom." "I want my Canada back!" "Say it ain't so, Joe!" It was like they were competing to write gags for the



By the end, though, I'd gotten bored with the U.S. debates as candidates Joe Biden and Sarah Palin started to sound like tired fighters swinging blindly at each other.

inevitable Saturday Night Live or Rick Mercer parody to come, though the fact that SNL had theirs ready to air two days later is probably an endorsement of private versus publicly-

funded broadcasting. Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe had no real reason to be there except protocol, but his stinging observation that at least he wasn't under any illusion

that he'd be prime minister one day — unlike the other three candidates not named Harper — was a welcome shaft of clarity and light through a fog of rhetoric and slap-fighting.

Sarah Palin might not have deprived Tina Fey of any material to work with, but she blew past any idea that she's a lightweight on the campaign trail, and Joe Biden probably regretted his apparent decision not to risk coming off as a bully.

By the end, though, I'd gotten bored with the U.S. debates as the candidates started to sound like tired fighters swinging blindly at each other, while the Canadian debates remained gripping — if horrifying — theatre right till the end.

The fact that I was able to watch both — viewing one live and TiVoing the other for later, with pauses to replay, write notes and hit the john — instead of making a hard choice between the two did, however, make me long for the pre-VHS, 8-channel dawn-of-cable world of the '70s, a near-luddite nostalgia for which I was completely unprepared.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## Jackson puts off three more shows

**HEALTH** Singer Janet Jackson has postponed three more shows on her North American tour as she continues to recover from an undisclosed illness, BBC News Online reports.

Her weekend concerts in North Carolina and Georgia have been put off, along with Tuesday's gig in Florida. The 42-year-old arrived in the town of Greensboro on Saturday, but was advised by a doctor not to perform. Jackson went to hospital in Montreal last Monday after becoming "suddenly ill" during a concert sound check. She was discharged two hours later.

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## In brief

**MUSIC** His latest album, *Tha Carter III*, has been out only since May, but rapper Lil Wayne is already recording its follow-up. According to his blog on ESPN.com, the rapper is in the studio working on *Tha Carter IV* as well as a new mixtape.

**REUTERS**

**STRIKE** A strike in India's Bollywood film and TV industry is over after executives agreed to implement better pay and working conditions, imbd.com reports.

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620	523	40	WDIV	Desperate Housewives	Baby Ballroom	Dance						
520	505	42	DIS	Digital Planet (N)	MythBusters	Vermintors (N)						
575	583	43	CMT	All About ... (N)	Sessions	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Ultimate Garth		
601	562	45	SLC	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Newlywed	Beaufl People	Party Mamas	Project Runway	Til Debt-Part	
625	548	46	COM	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	The Cho Show	Simple Life	Daily Show	
294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	Panic Room *** (2002, Suspense)	Jodie Foster.			Cheers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	My First Place	Home to Stay	Property Virgin	Marriage	Income Prop.	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
627	528	50	SPC	Lost "...In Translation"	Star Trek			Battlestar Galactica	Eureka (N)			Stargate SG-1
581	566	53	MTV	The Hills	After	MTV News	Cribs	Exiled	The Hills	After	MTV Live	
618	524	54	TPV	Made, Do It	Very Bad Men	What Happen?	Make or Break	TV Made, Do It	Planet Soap	Reality	Final 24	
522	506	55	HIS	NCIS High Seas"	Beyond The Da Vinci Code				NCIS "High Seas"	Crime Stories		
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621	527	71	TLK	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	etalk	Katie & Peter: Next Chapter	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	TMZ			
603	561	95	FN	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover	Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Kitchen Nightmares	Restaurant		

## critics' corner

### The Cho Show

Enough, already. The world does not need another "days-in-the-life" series. Nothing against Margaret Cho; she's still a funny lady with an interesting take on life, the universe and everything. But wouldn't you rather watch her do a stand-up routine than sit through the mundanities of her offstage life? Unless you're gung-ho for Cho, this show is a no. 10 PM on 46 COM



### Heroes

Seeing a future where nearly everyone has abilities, a world destined for destruction, Peter (Milo Ventimiglia) resolves to prevent this earth-shattering end — whatever the cost — and takes on a dark, unwieldy ability to save the world. Meanwhile, after Hiro and Ando (Masi Oka, James Kyson Lee) allow Angela's (Kristine Rose) half of the "formula" to be stolen, they set out to uncover the identity of the villain who hired Daphne (Brea Grant). 9 PM on 9 NBC 3 GTV



**Stern marries longtime girlfriend**  
Radio shock jock Howard Stern and his longtime girlfriend Beth Ostrosky were married in New York City on Friday night, according to guests who attended the celebration. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Miller getting over her fears

**CELEBRITY** Sienna Miller has conquered her phobia of watching herself on screen. [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

"I used to be a lot more uncomfortable with watching myself on screen," the actress says. "You just have to relate it to when you hear your voice back on a tape machine and go, 'Oh God!' Multiply that by about 10,000 when you're watching yourself on a big screen. Now I try and be a lot more objective. There are certain

bits that you look at and go, 'Eugh!' but I think it's almost more narcissistic to be like that. I'm trying to see it as a collaborative piece of work."

Miller also said she has no intention of slowing down, and intends to star in as many movies as possible.

"So everything is busy at the moment, and fortunately I seem to have limitless amounts of energy," she says. "I don't know how I do it, but I can just keep going."

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## Pink's dating drought

**DATING** Pink "never" goes on dates. [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports. The singer, who separated from husband Carey Hart earlier this year, prefers to meet men in less pressurized situations.

"I meet boys all over the place. It's just that I don't ever go on

dates. I have never been on a date. I don't believe in that, it has to be organic. A barbecue, a show or whatever. I have never met anybody in a bar," she says.

However, Pink also revealed she has a number of friends who are attempting to persuade her to start dating. "Lately I have been hearing from a lot of people, like married couples, who have met in a bar," she says. "I'm always amazed. So maybe that is where I am going wrong."

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## Bundchen supporting her family

**FAMILY** Supermodel Gisele Bundchen sends as much as \$10 million US back to her family in Brazil. [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports. Friends tell Star magazine she sends more than a third of that back to her na-

tive country for her parents, Vania and Valdir, and her five sisters — to buy them homes and pay for their vacations. "She supports her entire family; always has since she was a teenager," a friend says. "She wants her family to have the best."

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## Halliwell wants a baby with her new boyfriend

**FAMILY** Geri Halliwell wants a baby with her dancer boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Spice Girl, who already has two-year-old daughter Bluebell Madonna with scriptwriter Sacha Gervasi, is keen to have a child with Ivan "Flipz" Velez, but is reportedly prepared to be a single mother again if their relationship ends.

"She wants a second child soon and says that if she falls pregnant with Flipz then it wouldn't be a problem," a source says. "At the moment they are besotted with each other and Flipz is keen on having a child with her."

Halliwell, who began dating Velez after he worked as a backing dancer on the Spice Girls reunion tour, is confident her beau will make a great father because he has bonded so well with Bluebell.

"He wants to be a permanent fixture in her life and Geri loves the fact he gets on

so well with Bluebell," the source added. "She's got a perfect family unit and a baby would be the icing on the cake."

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## celebrity briefs

### McConaughey's new clothing line

**FASHION** Actor Matthew McConaughey has just launched a brand-new online store for his clothing line *j.k. livin*, [People.com](http://People.com) reports. The name takes its inspiration from McConaughey's 1993 film *Dazed and Confused*, while his father is the man stenciled into the line's logo. [Jklivinstore.com](http://Jklivinstore.com) has apparel for men and women, including sweatshirts and T-shirts, as well as accessories, infant onesies and even frisbees and wristbands. In the next few weeks, expect to see more T-shirt designs and sweatshirts with music downloads, gift cards, foundation donations and

more to roll out in the future.

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### "This makes no sense at all..."

**by Joe O'Neill**

One of the more inspiring ongoing sagas of modern times is the valiant struggle of ex-Spice Girl **Geri Halliwell** to remain somewhat relevant.

The latest news finds the utterly talent-deprived gorgon in the news for, uh, maybe wanting to have a baby with her kind of boyfriend who's also a good dancer.

OK, Geri, I get that you think this "Flipz" guy will make a great parent because he "bonds" so well with the unfortunately named child you already had with old Whathisnamewhocares, but maybe you and the Flipster should start with something that isn't a living, breathing, human being as a token of how much you sort of dig each other.

Like, say, buttock tattoos of one other's names rendered in Chinese characters. Or perhaps his 'n hers "I'm With Stupid" t-shirts.

What's that you say? Tattoos and t-shirts aren't quite the "icing on the cake" that a baby is?

Well, you've got me there, but I tend to think you'd be better off actually being physically ground into a granular paste, spread on a bunt cake, and eaten by **Hannibal Lecter**, than being the child of any parent egocentric enough to speak of you as icing on her cake.

Especially if her name is Geri and she makes you listen to her old albums.

I'm fairly certain that the words, "Your honour, Geri Halliwell is my mother," would go a long way toward absolving you of any criminal responsibility for crimes you may commit in life, even if they were to involve an automatic weapon and a bell tower.

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## Baron Cohen strikes again

**FILM** Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen was ejected from a catwalk show during Paris Fashion Week in France on Friday, after climbing on stage and attempting to slip a note to the models. [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Cohen is filming scenes for his new movie *Brüno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner* in a

Mesh T-Shirt.

Dressed as his camp alter-ego Bruno, he attempted to carry out his latest stunt at the Jc De Castelbajac show — scenes which are suspected to feature in his forthcoming comedy.

But he suffered a setback when the models and audience ignored his presence and continued despite the disturbance. Staff promptly ejected Cohen, in what is his fourth attempt to disrupt a fashion show.

Dressed as Bruno, Cohen twice crashed shows at Madrid Fashion Week in Spain and was also thrown out of a show in Milan, Italy last week after storming the runway and strutting along the catwalk — prompting organizers to call the police.

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## Hurley a country gal at heart

**LIFESTYLE** Elizabeth Hurley has gone country. [People.com](http://People.com) reports.

Inspired by her life with husband Arun Nayar and son Damian, 6, on their bio-dynamic farm in the English countryside, the actress-model, 43, tells People, she is "developing a line of products ... with a view that they're not only going to be healthy, because they're organic, but I'm obsessed that women find alternatives to eat which are low in fat."

She says her organic farm produces low-fat products, which may help reduce the risk of breast cancer.

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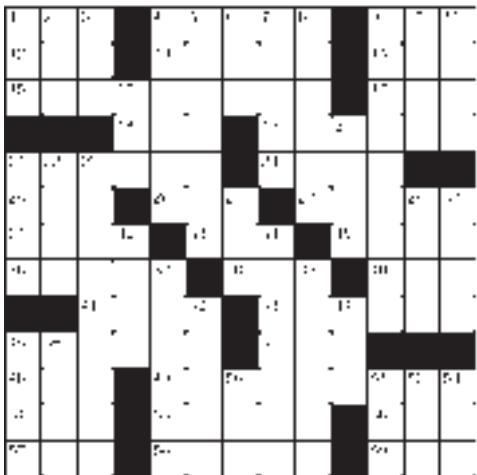
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## Take Five



## Crossword across

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Fizzle                       | 25 "Go, team!"                | 45 Marionette             |
| 4 Senior moments?              | 26 Roman X                    | 47 Movie-cataloguing org. |
| 9 Earl Grey, e.g.              | 28 Impersonate                | 48 Rd.                    |
| 12 Swiss canton                | 31 Occupant of a pink nursery | 49 Poker player's bluff   |
| 13 Pass the baton              | 33 Pooch                      | 54 Meadow                 |
| 14 Peruke                      | 35 Carthaginian queen         | 55 Golfer Palmer, to fans |
| 15 Stand-up comic's repertoire | 36 Slumber                    | 56 Schuss                 |
| 17 Raw rock                    | 38 Vacillate                  | 57 Consume                |
| 18 Peron or Gabor              | 40 "Smoking or —?"            | 58 Frankfurter side dish  |
| 19 Puts into words             | 41 Dumbo's "wings"            | 59 Storm center           |
| 21 Honour                      | 43 Ungracefully tall and thin |                           |
| 24 Half (Pref.)                |                               |                           |

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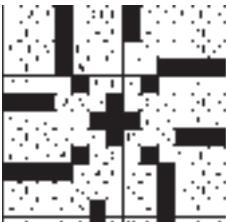
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|---|-------------------------|
| 1 Pair                                  | 29 Pedestal occupant    |
| 2 Samovar                               | 30 Rabbit               |
| 3 Cork out                              | 32 Bound                |
| 4 Hedge shrub                           | 34 First man in space   |
| 5 Changed the title                     | 37 Quick-to-build house |
| 6 Bullring bravo                        | 39 Blunders             |
| 7 Swampy area                           | 42 Mall unit            |
| 8 Method                                | 44 Zero                 |
| 9 Being unfaithful to Leprechauns' land | 45 Ashen                |
| 10 Quite some time                      | 46 Layer of 59-Across   |
| 11 Sheltered side                       | 50 Italian article      |
| 20 Surrounded by                        | 51 Work with            |
| 21 Work units                           | 52 Firmament            |
| 22 Take to the lake                     | 53 Waste no time        |
| 23 Win after win after win              |                         |
| 27 Present                              |                         |

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4		1	3	2		9	
3								8
	2				6			
9	8		2	7		6	1	
			4					
4	5		9	8		3	2	
		1			9			
5								6
	6		8	7	5		1	

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13-17 min .....Scholar 25+ min .....Keep practising

## Horoscopes

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A persistent suitor rises above difficulties. Disturbing news arrives about misfortune. A daring adventure will be suggested.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Stay at home and have second thoughts. The best policy is to count your blessings and let sleeping dogs lie. An older woman will remind you of a promise.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Manage your talents well to contribute to your future. Crazy-making regulations must be changed. Strong friends are best for what ails you.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A fantasy comes true in a love affair. Turn the other cheek when something said in secret gets back to you. Sympathy will lead to a long chat.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Think twice before leaping into the unknown. You'll be vindicated by someone who cares. Don't expect to be told what to do.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Meeting a tense friend changes your attitude. Lucid objections will be raised. Accept an offer that bails you out of a bad situation.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you start a commotion, good ideas will flow. Speak carefully when confronted by a quirky person. Change a relationship with a bad guy.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Negative thoughts will inhibit actions. Don't deny past adventures due to fear. Thoughtfulness will touch your heart.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A frantic guy will become comical. An explanation for poor conduct will be found. A loser is looking for love.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Give something away to have a happy time. This is the perfect day to heal old wounds. Merriment will cause your concentration to falter.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Time will tell if the truth has been told. Face your fear to let go of your inhibitions. People will come forward with practical help.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



You'll run into a past love. Secret messages will be received. Common sense is a good alternative to being anxious.

## This day in history

OCT. 6, 1582: Due to the implementation of the Gregorian calendar, this day is skipped in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.  
 OCT. 6, 1600: Jacopo Peri's Euridice, the earliest surviving opera, premieres in Florence, signifying the beginning of the Baroque Period.  
 OCT. 6, 1683: William Penn brings 13 German immigrant families to the colony of Pennsylvania, marking the first German people to immigrate to America.  
 OCT. 6, 1908: Austria annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
 OCT. 6, 1966: LSD is declared illegal in the United States.  
 OCT. 6, 2000: Yugoslav president Slobodan Milošević resigns.

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